Programmes under distance mode

212. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Sardarshahr, Rajasthan, has opened its off campus study centres in various States, including Andhra Pradesh, without the approval of UGC/DEC/AICTE or A.P. State Council of Higher Education;

(b) whether Distance Education Council (DEC) tried to cover up by issuing an ex-post-facto recognition to programmes offered under distance mode;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any complaint or representation has been received from institutions or MPs in this regard to take action against the Institute; and

(e) if so, the details of action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes Sir. Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Gandhi Vidya Mandir Sardarshahr, Rajasthan, deemed to be univeristy has started study centres in various states without the approval of University Grants Commission (UGC) and also Joint Committee of University Grants Commission (UGC)/All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) / Distance Education Council (DEC).

(b) and (c) As per the information provided by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), ex-post-facto approval was granted to IASE by Distance Education Council (DEC).

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Based on various reports of illegal educational activities by the IASE and complaints against the institution running distance education courses without approval of the appropriate authorities, the then Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development directed for an enquiry against the IASE. The Enquiry Committee visited this deemed to be university on 15-16th January, 2009 and submitted its report to the MHRD. On the basis of this report, a show cause notice was issued to IASE. However, this deemed univeristy has filed a writ petition in this regard.

Inquiries against VCs of some Central Universities

213. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether inquiries are going on against some Vice Chancellors of Central Universities for violation of norms and other irregularities and malpractices;